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SUBJECT: FANFANI ELECTED DC SECRETARY

1. IN JUNE 17 MEETING, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) PARTY ELECTED LIFE SENATOR AMINTORE FANFANI, " BY ACCLAMATION", TO POST OF PARTY SECRETARY. NATIONAL COUNCIL ALSO ELECTED NEW 29- MAN PARTY DIRECTORATE (BY FACTION: TEN PICCOLI- RUMOR, SIX FANFANIANI, FIVE ANDREOTTI- COLOMBO, THREE BASE, THREE FORZE NUOVE, TWO MOROTEI); RECONFIRMED BENIGNO ZACCAGNINI AS PRESIDENT OF THE DC NATIONAL COUNCIL AND FILIPPO MICHELI AS PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY. DESPITE LENGTHY NEGOTIATION AMONG FACTION LEADERS, NO DECISION WAS REACHED ON OTHER TOP PARTY POSTS: VICE SECRETARIES AND PARTY SECTION CHIEFS (FOR PARTY ORGANIZATION, PRESS AND PROPAGANDA, ETC.).

2. IN SPEECH ACCEPTING PARTY SECRETARYSHIP, FANFANI FIRST ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN SENATE. REFERRING TO " UNITARY COMMITMENT" WHICH EMERGED FROM DC NATIONAL CONGRESS, FANFANI PLACED HIMSELF AT FULL SERVICE OF PARTY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CONGRESS RESULTS, I. E. SEARCH FOR " BEST DEMOCRATIC" GOVERNMENT MAJORITY WITH WHICH TO CONFRONT CURRENT SERIOUS PROBLEMS. FANFANI FURTHER PLEDGED TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTION AND EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF THE " EXCESSES AND DEGENERATION" CAUSED PARTY BY INTERNAL FACTIONALISM. VOLPE

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